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Rugs of all sizes.  
Oil Cloths and Linoleums.

Out-of-town trade will find it very profitable to attend this sale and make their Xmas purchases. We will ship at any time mentioned and pack and deliver to depot free of charge. Xmas gifts purchased out of this stock will be held for future delivery if desired. We put up all Heaters and Cook Stoves free of charge.

# The Pitts Furniture Co., Inc., 1429 East Main Street

## MME. STEINHEIL, "CHARMER OF MEN"

Her Case Continues to Be Sensation of the Hour in France.

## THE FAURE SCANDAL IS AGAIN REVIVED

Many Stories of Her Liasons and of How Men Fell Before Her Charms—Her Latest Admirer Narrates a Graphic Story of His Experience.

PARIS, November 28.—The Steinheil case continues to be the sensation of the hour in all France. No one ventures to say where the revelations will end. The political side seems larger and larger every day and the interest harks back always to the tragic death in Paris in 1896 of Felix Faure, president of France. M. Faure died in the midst of the Dreyfus excitement. The most minute details of the scene in the room where he expired in the company of Madame Steinheil are to-day fearfully published by even the republican newspapers. Up to the present time this incident in the career of Madame Steinheil has only been referred to covertly.

Reviving Dreyfus Case.  
The royalist and anti-Dreyfus organs are demanding an official investigation into the death of M. Faure and intimating openly that M. Faure, as the insuperable obstacle to the leaders of the Dreyfus

agitation, was the victim of a plot. They have put forward the old allegation that M. Faure intended to yield to the petitions of the Dreyfusards and sign an order for the revision of the case, and that consequently he was poisoned.

### As to Faure's Death.

The only reason to believe that M. Faure did not die a natural death is found in the fact that his body decomposed with unusual rapidity, and to offset this, there are the statements of five of the best-known physicians of Paris who certified that he died of cerebral hemorrhage. The story that Madame Steinheil was present when he passed away seems, unfortunately, to be true, and great regret is expressed that circumstances have now compelled the disclosure to the world of this old scandal which the Faure family and the friends of the former president thought was buried with his body.

That letters containing evidence of M. Faure's relations with Madame Steinheil were surrendered after his death probably is true, but the idea that these communications contained compromising State secrets is rejected by all who were behind the scenes at the time.

Many Murders by Women.  
With regard to the crimes themselves, Madame Steinheil's husband and her stepmother, Madame Japy, were found murdered in the Steinheil's home in Paris on May 21 of this year, and at the same time Madame Steinheil was discovered bound and gagged, the net is drawing closer and closer around the wife. Stories of her numerous romantic affairs with persons of note in political and artistic circles are coming to light daily, and they prove what a remarkable woman she was.

She is now called "The Charmer of Men." Her salon was dazzlingly brilliant. Her last lover, in whose eyes she declared she wanted to justify herself, has now been discovered, and his identity furnishes a clue to a motive for the crime.

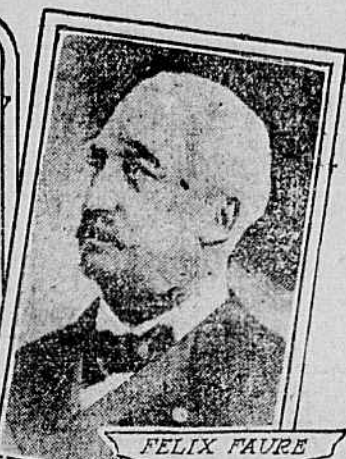
He is a rich widower and resides in a famous chateau near Meiers in the department of the Ardennes. He is not implicated in the crime. When seen by a journalist this man, who is the father of three children, protested frantically at the disgrace an exposure would bring.

He said he was ready to commit suicide, but nevertheless he made a clean breast of his relations with Madame Steinheil. He described how he had met her at a reception at the Steinheils. The gati-

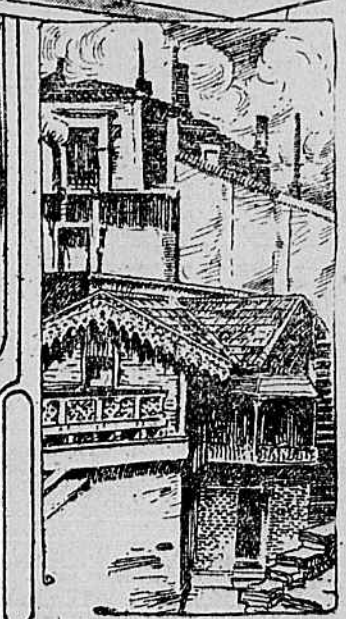
## PRINCIPALS IN FRANCE'S LATEST SENSATION



MME. STEINHEIL



FELIX FAURE



THE STEINHEIL HOUSE



ARTIST STEINHEIL

ing was a distinguished one. He fell easily under the spell of Madame Steinheil's charms. He soon got into the habit of meeting her at the "Green Lodge," a villa at Bellevue, which Madame Steinheil rented under the name of Madame Prevost.

"She told me of her past," the widower continued to the newspaper man, "and denied this gossip of her relations with other men. She insisted particularly that the Faure story was a legend and said she could prove that she was home ill at the time of M. Faure's death. She admitted, however, that she hated her husband, and said he led an 'infamous existence.' She detested her mother also for having forced her to marry Steinheil. She assured her lover that she would get a divorce and marry him."

Continuing his explanation this man related how the scales gradually fell from his eyes. When the spell was broken he returned home.

The prevailing belief in Paris to-day is that Mme. Steinheil deliberately and her husband and mother assassinated.

Russia's steady refusal to recognize the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and her insistence on compensation to Turkey and the Slav states increases the Austrian exasperation, so that Berlin now regards the chances of a European conference as remote. Both Germany and Austria are now

## GENERAL WINTER WILL KEEP PEACE

War Clouds, However, Have Been Quite Thick in Europe.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) LONDON, November 28.—The war clouds have been thick and heavy in the Southeast all week, but the political barometer is rising, and the best observers expect an improvement in the situation. The Times prints a leader to-day more pessimistic and alarming than any of its utterances since the crisis began, but its fears seem to be on the whole exaggerated. It is more reasonable to interpret the menacing language to Turkey of Baron von Aehrenthal, the Austrian foreign minister, in the past day or two as a bluff than to believe that he is deliberately seeking hostilities when winter has already begun. There could be no greater diplomatic absurdity than to take seriously Austria's pretense that a private boycott in Turkey of private Austrian goods constitutes a cause belli or anything approaching it.

Austria is showing in many ways how sore, suspicious and angry she is over the consequences of her lawless acts, which began the present crisis

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## MISFORTUNES OF FRANCIS JOSEPH

Grand Old Head of the Hapsburgs to Retire on Wednesday.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) LONDON, November 28.—The accession of Francis Ferdinand to the throne of Austria-Hungary, in all but title, will take place next Wednesday. He would be made regent officially that day if it were in the power of Emperor Francis Joseph to install him without act of Parliament. For many months, as all the world now knows, Ferdinand has been Emperor in all but name. The world knows also how momentous has been the change in its effect on the fate, not only of all Europe, but on the affairs of the empire. The course of misfortune seems destined to cling to Francis Joseph to the very end of his days. His energies and his faculties are declining fast. He is a feeble, tired old man, unable longer to discharge the duties of a great monarch. Things have been done in his name, ambitious, menacing things, with which he has not the slightest sympathy; yet he is unable to enter an effectual protest. Still more galling is the fact that the new policy of aggression encounters far less opposition, both at home and abroad, when undertaken under his unwilling auspices than it would have met under an officially new regime of his successor.

A Man of Peace.  
Francis Joseph has always been a man of peace, the most conservative sovereign in Europe. His nature and policy have not changed; yet he stands sponsor for the most reckless, un-

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scrupulous national adventure of modern times. It is said that the humiliation and injustice of the situation has led him to demand permission to abdicate.

Those who have in hand great schemes for Austro-Hungarian aggrandizement know too well the value to them of the grand old head of the house of Hapsburg, and they would not hear of granting him official release from his labors. They have pointed out that his retirement at the present moment would discredit utterly the Austro-Hungarian policy abroad, while it would also precipitate a dangerous domestic crisis in various points of the empire.

No, he must make one more sacrifice for his people, a sacrifice even of his principles and reputation. And so Francis Joseph will remain yet a little longer as titular Emperor of Austria-Hungary. There is one partial vindication of his good faith and an exposure of the falsity of his position that he has insisted upon. It will be announced at the jubilee next Wednesday that all but the administrative duties of his imperial office will be discharged hereafter by the heir apparent, Prince Ferdinand will represent him at almost all public functions and in all questions affecting the government of the empire. Certain documents must, of course, receive his pro-forma signature, but to all intents and purposes Francis Joseph will cease to be Emperor, and Francis Ferdinand will reign in his stead.

Indians Will Play Denver.  
DENVER, COLO., November 21.—Responding to the telegram from Denver University's athletic manager that he had in having the Carlisle Indian School's football team keep its contract for a game with Denver December 5th, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Leupp telegraphed last night that he had directed that the Indian team should carry out its contract, if possible. Later word came from the Carlisle managers that the game would be played.

The telegraphic correspondence became necessary when Carlisle wired that it had decided to cancel the engagement. The local university appealed to President Roosevelt and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for assistance.

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**50-Inch Russian Pony Coats,**  
Made from beautiful moired skins, very flat and silky. Cut extra full; lined throughout with handsome brocade satin; long rolling collar, with turnback cuffs, trimmed with pretty fancies and jeweled buttons. Value \$75.00 and \$100.00, at **\$37.50**

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